(d) whether Government have asked the States to propose an action plan in this regard; and

(e) if so, the names of the States which have submitted their action plan to the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (c) Rural drinking water supply is one of the six components of Bharat Nirman, which has been conceived as a plan to be implemented in four years for building rural infrastructure. It is proposed to cover the remaining 55067 uncovered rural habitations of the Comprehensive Action Plan prepared in 1999, rural habitations which have slipped back after having been covered with rural drinking water supply schemes and rural habitations affected by water quality under Bharat Nirman by 2008-09. The Government endeavours to cover all rural schools with drinking water supply by 31st March 2006. However, in case there is any spill over, there is a provision to consolidate coverage of all rural schools latest by 2006-2007. The total expenditure envisaged for the rural drinking water component of Bharat Nirman has been estimated at Rs. 41,637 crores, with central share of Rs. 25,300 crores.

With regard to drinking water supply in urban areas, the Tenth Plan document of the Planning Commission envisages to cover entire urban population with drinking water supply by the end of the Tenth Plan period (i.e. 2006-07) for which estimated requirement of funds has been assessed as Rs. 28,240 crore.

(d) and (e) All the States and Union Territories have been asked to prepare an Action Plan for implementation of the Bharat Nirman. Majority of States have given their plan for coverage of rural schools.

Assistance under PMGSY and SGSY to projects of Karnataka

3101. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of projects in respect of which assistance has been sought by Government of Karnataka under PMGSY and SGSY are pending with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the project and the probable date by which assistance would be released by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Karnataka has forwarded proposals for inclusion of road works in Phase IV and revision of costs of Phase I and Phase II road works under PMGSY The Government has approved the revision of cost of Phase I and Phase II works. The State Government has been advised to forward revised proposals for Phase IV by selecting road works in accordance with the guidelines.

Proposals for Special Project of SGSY in the district of Mysore, Chamarajanagar, Gadag, Bangalore Rural, Bangalore Urban, Mandya, Bidar, Dharwad, Devengere, Chitradurg, Belgaum and Hasan have also been received from the State Government. These have been referred to concerned line Departments of the Government for their technical comments. Approval of the projects depends, *inter alia,* on the considered views of the line Departments.

Construction of houses under IAY

† 3102. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed a target to build 15 lakh "Indira Awas" every year and to provide them to the poor people;

(b) if so, the total number of rural and urban areas where these 'Awas' have been provided during the last three years alongwith the State-wise figures thereof;

(c) the construction made by the Government and beneficiaries; and

(d) whether Government are considering to waive the contribution made by a beneficiary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Under the Bharat

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.